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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR
PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

REF: HONG KONG 3718 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF NOMADS PROBLEM IS
THAT OF THE AIRPLANE OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION
(AOPA). CONTRARY TO PARA 3 REFTTEL, AOPA HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM HKCAD REGARDING AMOUNT OF
INSURANCE NON-REVENUE FLIGHTS MUST POSSESS. AOPA IS
STILL UNDER THE ASSUMPTION (AND THEREFORE THEY ARE
STILL PROTESTING) HKCAD'S REQUIREMENT THAT FLIGHT IN
THIS CLASS OF TRANSPORTATION MUST POSSESS 25 MILLION
DOLLARS LIABILITY INSURANCE PER LANDING.

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2. SINCE THERE IS STILL SOME QUESTION CONCERNING THIS
MATTER, DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO KNOW WHAT THE CURRENT
INSURANCE REQUIREMENT IS FOR NON-SCHEDULED, NON-REVENUE
FLIGHTS. IF THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT IS STILL 25
MILLION PER LANDING, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN IT WAS
IMPOSED.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS HKCAD

MAY MAKE CONCERNING THEIR RATIONALE FOR ESTABLISHING
THEIR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE STILL PUZZLED NOT
ONLY BY THE AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE, BUT WE ARE ALSO
TROUBLED THAT A NON-SCHEDULED "REVENUE" FLIGHT REQUIRES
MORE INSURANCE (150 MILLION) THAN A SCHEDULED REVENUE
FLIGHT (25 MILLION), ESPECIALLY IF BOTH FLY THE SAME
SIZE AIRCRAFT WITH THE SAME CARGO OR NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.
FYI: SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT HK'S 150 MILLION
DOLLARS INSURANCE REQUIREMENT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE BY
FAR OF ANY AIRPORT IN THE WORLD. VANCE

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